

Place name Sale Primary School No. 545

Survey Date: 4/07/2004

Other name

Id: 1148

Street 123 to 135 Macalister Street

Last Update 4/10/2004

Locality Sale

Postcode

Official Locality

Property No HO84

Local Government Area Wellington Shire

Precinct: Precinct - Sale Victoria Park

Easting

Northing

Map

Workshop number

Workshop votes

Field survey number

Community priority

Designer H.R.Bastow, Public Works Department.

Builder

Ownership Crown

Built Date 1883

Change Date

Description Location : Sale Primary School faces Macalister Street on the south and joins Victoria Park on the western side. It is bordered by Dundas Street on the east and Cunninghame Street on the northern side. (RNE 100614).

Sale Primary School is located on four acres of one corner of Market Square, now known as Victoria Park. The original red brick school building is still a prominent landmark, with its altered clock tower and two storey section forming the central focus of the School complex. The building has cream brick and tinted dark brown courses reflecting the Venetian Gothic influence in designs for Victorian State schools in the 1880s. Details such as the brown brick criss-cross pattern in the upper storey have been removed during changes to the upper storey fenestration. The former bell-tower which has also been altered, with spire and clock face removed, is a design feature which categorises the overall design as Large Later Urban Gothic Assymetrical according to a comparative study of State schools. Comparative examples include Northcote Wales Street, No 3139; Armadale No 2634, Armadale Road, Armadale; and Francis Street, Yarraville, Footscray. There are 1950s classroom additions to the end wings of the main building, with vertical timber cladding and sloping, split roof. Several other buildings have been built around the grounds, including a hip roofed weatherboard detached classroom. A World War One memorial podium stands to the west of the main building and a nearby plaque commemorates a time capsule placed there on the Centenary of the School. (RNE 100614).

Condition and Integrity : The Venetian Gothic details in the original design are largely missing from the main building today due to the removal of the polychrome pattern in the walls when the windows were enlarged and the removal of the end wings which featured pointed arched windows. The main building is in fair condition, with some deterioration of tinted brick courses. (RNE 100614).

Feature	Style	Wall Materials	Roof Materials
Main building	Victorian	Brick	

Condition Good

Integrity Minor Modifications

Redevelopment/change
Education

Buildings
Monument
Plaque (on a structure)
Tree(s)

History Sale State School was built in 1882-83 to replace the Common School on Raymond Street, part of which remains today.(1) This site was originally part of the Market Reserve, and was gazetted for school purposes in 1882. The location can be interpreted as a reflection of the spread of population to the east of the town centre.(2)

This building, designed by H.R.Bastow of the Public Works Department was built by Thomas Corley.(3) It demonstrated Venetian Gothic architectural influences in the polychrome wall pattern and pointed arch windows. Similar features also appear in a number of Melbourne schools such Vere Street School in Collingwood, Williamstown School (1878) and Urquart Street School, Ballarat(1878).(3)

During the last two decades of the nineteenth century, most larger state schools were built in Gothic design.

Bastow went on to become senior architect of the State Schools Division of the Public Works Department, from February 1885 until the late 1890s.(4) The original design was modified in 1906 with the enlargement of windows which involved the removal of brick patterning in the below the middle cream brick string course.

Major alterations were carried out on the school building in 1952, with A.C.Spruzen of Sale as a builder. Changes involved the removal of the two end classrooms which echoed the form of the central two storey section near the bell tower, replacing them with the Modern style rooms which stand today. Other temporary classrooms were transported to the site at this time when the school population was increasing rapidly. (3) The weatherboard building on the site today may be the former Newry school which was relocated to this site around the mid 1950s. Also in 1959, the slate roofed bell tower and spire was removed and replaced by a corrugated iron gable.(5)

Heritage Protections Register	Reference	Zoning	Status
National Trust Register	B4987		File only
Planning Scheme	HO84		Listed
Register of the National Estate	100614		Recommended
Victorian Heritage Register	602742		File only

National Estate

Research Required

Recommendations

Fieldwork priority?

Stage 1 Ranking Assessed & protected **Stage 2 priority** No Action: Already include

Final Ranking Local significance **Final Recommendation**

Statement of significance The Sale Primary School 545 is a significant part of the heritage of Sale for historical and aesthetic reasons. It has high design significance as an example of a large Gothic school demonstrating Venetian stylistic influences, typical of a majority of State Schools built in the early 1880s. Cultural sentiment is attached to the school for its importance as a place of community focus for over 110 years, demonstrating a continuity into the present. The site has aesthetic value as a landmark in this residential area, set in park land historically reserved for market purposes and reflecting the growth of population in this area in the 1880s. (RNE 100614) (A.4, E.1, F.1, G.1)

Extent of designation

Informant

Notes

Follow up

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